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Mythimna albipuncta (D. & S.) in north-west Kent

B. K. West (*Ent. Rec.* **115**: 292) described *Mythimna albipuncta* as an unusual migrant to north-west Kent. My home, also in north-west Kent, lies about 13 km to the east of West's, just 400 metres from the River Thames. A trap is also operated regularly by Roger Kiddie about 1.5 km south-east from here. Prior to 1998, Roger recorded *M. albipuncta* on 29.vi.1996 and I had one on 6.x.1996.

After my return from Kenya at the end of 2000 the situation was rather different and the figures are given per generation (numbers taken by R. Kiddie in parentheses):

	1st generation	2nd generation	3rd generation
2001	—	4 (1)	
2002	9	4 (1)	
2003	>2* (1)	6 (1)	(1)

*exact numbers not recorded.

This species is well known to be resident near the Channel coast and is frequently taken in East Kent. These figures show clearly that the species is locally resident in the Gravesend area, especially since the captures were not associated with migration of other species. In view of this specimens reaching B. K. West near Dartford are just as likely to be vagrants from a nearby population as to be primary migrants. — DAVID AGASSIZ, 23 St James's Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0HF.